

**MINUTES
OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
JULY 16, 2013
5:09 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hovland at 5:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Members Bennett, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Brindle entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Staff attending the meeting included: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Wayne Houle, City Engineer; Annie Johnson, City Manager Intern; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner; Eric Roggeman, Assistant Finance Director; and John Wallin, Finance Director

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold their annual business meeting, then meet jointly with the Edina Transportation Commission to review Living Streets and to receive an update on the Commission's 2013 Work Plan.

BUSINESS MEETING

WORK PLAN UPDATE

Manager Neal walked through the City's 2013 Work Plan highlighting the status of each-objective in the plan. The Council asked questions and staff responded.

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

Assistant Finance Director Roggeman gave the quarterly financial updates for the General Fund, Utilities Fund, Liquor Fund, Aquatic Center Fund, Golf Course Fund, Arena Fund, Art Center Fund, Edinborough Park Fund and Centennial Lakes Fund.

RECODIFICATION PRESENTATION

City Clerk Mangen reviewed the status of the recodification of the City's code of ordinances.

FINANCING THE FUTURE

Assistant Manager Kurt reviewed the Financing the Future public information and feedback sessions conducted by the City with the Citizens League.

JOINT SESSION WITH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – 5:50 p.m.

Edina Transportation Commissioners attending the meeting included: Katherine Bass, Nathan Franzen, Surya Iyer, Jennifer Janovy, Tom LaForce, Paul Nelson, Chair, and Courtney Whited.

ETC Chair Paul Nelson presented an overview to the City Council on the development of a Living Streets Policy, or policies to guide the design and reconstruction of roads that consider all users (car, bike, walk, transit), encourage active transportation and healthy living, and follow best practices for stormwater management, environmental sustainability, and community design. It was hoped the policies would be presented in the next thirty days to the Council.

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Assistant Manager Kurt outlined the multi-commission advisory group that will work on policy creation and an implementation plan. The group will include members from the transportation, planning, park board, public art, community health, and human rights/relations commissions. There will be an internal administrative review as well, department by department. After the internal staff review and a yet to be determined public process, the policy will come before the Council for adoption.

The City Council and the Transportation Commission discussed various aspects of Living Streets including the timing, costs and desired outcomes. The Council thanked the Commission for their work.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, August 5, 2013.

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor